

Cultural Center Anniversary

During the week of Oct. 11-14, the Halton Hills Cultural Centre will celebrate its second anniversary with a host of events, at the John Elliot Theatre, 9 Church St. The Second City Touring Company will give a comic rendition of *Once More With Feeling* on Oct. 11 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9. At 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 and 12th, the Inner Stage Theatre troupe will entertain preschoolers with three shows. Tickets are \$1.25. During the morning of Oct. 13th, the elementary and high schools will do their own thing. Admission is free. Amateur Night will be held starting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 13th and will feature Comedy, singing and dancing plus much more. Adults \$2 and Seniors and students \$1. To perform contact the Recreation Department at 25 James St. for an application. On Friday, Oct. 14th The Good Brothers will perform some of the music that has made them seven time Juno Award winners. Reserved seating \$10. For more information about all events call 877-5185, extension 60 or 67 (Georgetown), or extensive 19 (Acton).

Distress Centre

If you have been considering the possibility of becoming a volunteer for the North Halton Distress (Contact) Centre, please call 877-1211 for an application form. Oct. 18 is the beginning of the fall training centre. Help us help others.

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Dough Art Workshop

The YMCA is pleased to offer a Dough Art Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 27th from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Salt dough sculpture is fun, simple and creative. The evening programs will teach the basics of salt dough sculpture. Register in person or by mail at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. For further information call 877-6163.

Credit Valley Artisans

Registration for the fall courses offered by the Credit Valley Artisans will take place Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 7-9 p.m., at the CVA cottage at Cedarvale Park, Georgetown. Forms are available at the Georgetown and Acton Libraries. Courses include stain glass, water-colours, Christmas crafts, pottery, and weaving. For more information see the Recreation and Parks Department's Fall brochure or contact Jette Vanderveiden, 877-1407.

Square Dancing

The Pine Valley Square Dance Club will celebrate National Square Dance Weeks with a free evening of dancing on Sept. 21-21. At Stewarttown Hall from 8-10:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Lunch provided.

Women's Network

The Halton Business Women's Network will be meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Hopedale Mall (Rebecca / Third Line) in the Community Room. This month's speaker is Kathy Crowe of Blackbird Graphics. For details call Deldre Lindsay, 827-6263.

Christian Fellowship

The Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship is beginning its new season Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. at the Maple Ave. Baptist Church. Helen-Joy Hunter of Image Improvement of Toronto will present "Dress for Success." A former night club entertainer, Doris Muford returns to sing and speak. Dessert and coffee will be served. Cost is \$3.50. Call 877-4158 for reservations.

Wildlife Show

Acclaimed wildlife artist Gary Low will be opening his third one-man show of paintings to the public on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. in the Hollander York Gallery, 120 Scollard St. in Toronto.

Creative Cooking

A creative Cooking Experience will be held in support of the Beta Sigma Phi at St. Alban's Parish Hall, 52 Willow St. in Acton, on Monday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3. For advance tickets phone 853-1177.

Ms Society

North Halton Unit, Multiple Sclerosis Society has recently formed in Georgetown. Anyone seeking information or interested call 877-7744. Meetings are held every third Tuesday of each month.

Drop-In Center

The Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic hosts a single parents drop-in at St. George's Church, 60 Guelph St. every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon. Come in and chat, bring the kids, get free legal advice. For information contact Noell Jefferson, 877-5256.

Don't put summer clothes away yet

by Arlin Hackman
Fall is in the air as we approach the Autumnal equinox with shorter days and cooler nights. But don't pack away all your summer clothes yet. The march of the seasons which brings so much diversity to our temperate climate has followed a different beat this past year and may hold a few more surprises in the weeks and months ahead. A lot depends on El Nino, a warm ocean current which periodically overrides the cold Humboldt current off the west coast of South America.

just a matter of probabilities—guessing the odds. But the unusually mild winter, cool wet spring and hot dry summer which we have just experienced was part of a world wide pattern of dramatic and devastating climate disturbance. And it apparently centered on the largest known occurrence of El Nino (pronounced el Neeny-yo), 30,000,000 square kilometers of warm water.

According to Amir Shabbar of Environment Canada, the earliest known link in the casual chain of this phenomenon is a reversal in direction of the powerful Pacific trade winds, from west to east, the result of unexplained changes in the atmospheric pressure. This allows large masses of warm water normally blown up against

Australia and other western Pacific shores to rush across the ocean to the coast of South America where they override the nutrient-rich Humboldt current, cutting off the food source for many species of fish. One consequence was that the entire bird population on Christmas Island abandoned their nestlings and disappeared in the past year.

There are weather effects as well. South America endured heavy rainfall from the heat and moisture evaporated into the atmosphere. Elsewhere in the Pacific droughts replaced precipitation. The resulting toll in the human life, property loss and agricultural failure is staggering. Roughly 220 deaths and a \$7 billion agricultural loss were attributed to it in the United States alone. Here at home the drought has severely cut crop yields and reportedly contributed to the serious pollution of Toronto beaches.

Looking ahead is difficult. Mr. Shabbar believes this occurrence of El Nino is drawing to a close. But above normal temperatures are still being reported off South America and as mistaken forecasts last year revealed, scientists have not yet developed a reliable system for predicting El Nino's behaviour. They're sure to keep trying since the "little one" may offer answers to climate patterns the world over. In the meantime the September-October-November Ontario forecast shows a 55-60 chance of warmer than normal temperatures.

Obituary Griffin Sprowl

Funeral service was held September 7 for Griffin Sprowl.

Mr. Sprowl was in his 91st year and a life-long resident of Esqueping Township and Acton. He was born on the Fifth Line on February 24, 1893, attended Bannockburn School and worked on his father's farm on the Third Line just south of Acton.

On November 5, 1916 he married Lora Alberta Denny and they farmed on the Fourth Line. He was an excellent farmer and proud of his fine herd of Jersey cattle.

In 1951 he moved to Acton and resided at 281 Peel St. until the time of his death. His wife Lora predeceased him in 1980.

Mr. Sprowl never retired and worked at carpentry for many years. He was an open, kindly man, always ready with a smile and a helping hand and in his later years enjoyed

chatting with the people he would meet as he went about his shopping and his daily walks.

He will be sadly missed by his many friends and neighbors and especially by his two daughters, Ada (Mrs. W.L. Davidson) and Helen, (Mrs. Syd Fields), both of RR 4 Acton, and his second wife, Mrs. Viola Sprowl, who is a patient in Guelph General Hospital.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery and pallbearers were Harvey and Calvin Sprowl of Guelph, Mac Sprowl, Clarence Coles and Murray Smith, of Acton. Rev. Peter Barrow and Rev. Peter Ruddell officiated.

Also left to mourn his loss are his brother, John of Acton, and a sister, Dora, Mrs. Elmore Johnson of Lancaster. He was predeceased by one sister, Susan, Mrs. Evett Denny.

HANDS sends letter to U.S.S.R.

by Janet Duval
Many who attended the Acton Fair last weekend were attracted to the Halton Hills Action for Nuclear Disarmament booth with its prominent signs "Arms Are For Hugging." A special feature at the booth was a letter to the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, expressing outrage at the shooting down of the Korean passenger jet and the deaths of innocent civilians. Many fairgoers added their signature to the letter, which went on to urge that Soviet leaders make a "clear demonstration of their desire for peace at the nuclear arms control talks in Geneva." In the past, the Soviets have professed their desire for world peace, but, the letter says, "this action belies that avowal."

For those who missed the fair and wish to add their name to the letter, copies will be available for the next few days at Foodstuffs on Main Street in Georgetown, and at Willow Lane Natural Foods in Acton. The HAND group was inspired to this action by a similar movement in Tillsonburg, home of one of the passengers on the doomed jet. Hundreds of signatures have been collected there, to be sent to the Soviet Ambassador, and the local HAND groups hopes to match their effort.

Railway Museum

Ride one of 14 electric railway cars on a mile of track through scenic Niagara Escarpment, near Rockwood, Ont. Autumn colours promise to be a delight to sight-see or photographer. A guided tour of various buildings is arranged where you will also see several historic

types of street cars in the process of restoration. The museum is located on Guelph Line, nine miles north of Hwy. 401, exit 38. Normal admission rates are \$2.50 for adults, and \$1.25 for children or seniors. Unlimited rides.

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So remember, drivers going in both directions must stop for a school bus flashing its red lights. And

drivers approaching from behind must stop at least 20 metres (about 4 car lengths) behind the bus.

And this year, there's something new to watch for. Every school bus in Ontario is now equipped with a STOP SIGN ARM that is automatically raised when children are getting on or off a school bus.

So keep an eye out this fall for flashing lights and stop signs on school buses. Please, don't take a chance with the life of a child.



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